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U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10771,714 Confirmation No. 4133

Title: FLEXIBLE ILLUMINATION DEVICE FOR SIMULATING NEON LIGHTING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This document is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005.

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 10-17 and 19-24 of the pending application under the doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/413,005. Furthermore, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 3-6 and 18 of the pending application under the doctrine of

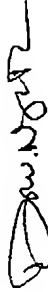
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obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/413,005 in view of some combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,366,727 (Nojiri et al.); U.S. Patent No. 4,195,907 (Zanjan et al.); and/or U.S. Patent No. 5,537,297 (Chandehani). Finally, although claims 8-10 are also indicated to be rejected in the Office Action Summary, no discussion of these claims appears in the Detailed Action.

In response, Applicants are submitting the attached Terminal Disclaimer, which disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the full statutory term of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/413,005. In this regard, Applicants also point out that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/413,005 is itself subject to a terminal disclaimer filed on January 25, 2005. In any event, this Terminal Disclaimer should obviate all of the double patenting rejections. Since the double patenting rejections were the only issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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